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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, AUGUST 7, 1977

1. UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS -- MEXICO CITY WEEKEND
PRESS CONTINUES ACCORDING UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS'
ISSUE HEAVY PLAY.

2. FIVE MAJOR MEXICO CITY DAILIES REPORT
SATURDAY PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROPOSALS TO SOLVE
UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS PROBLEMS IN U.S. HAVE BEEN
CRITICIZED BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

3. SATURDAY'S NEWS SERVICE STORIES STRESS ALSO
THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN NUMBER
OF UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS AS A RESULT OF MISINTER-
PRETATION OF CARTER'S PROPOSAL TO LEGALIZE THEIR
STATUS.

4. SATURDAY'S NOVEDADES (MODERATE) EDITORIALY
POINTS OUT SOME ASPECTS OF CARTER'S PROPOSALS
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HAVE BEEN CRITICIZED FOR THEIR REFERENCE TO U.S.
CLOSING OF BORDER WITH MEXICO, REINFORCEMENT OF
BORDER PATROL ELEMENTS AND GRANTING OF
UNDISCRIMINATED TREATMENT TO MEXICAN WORKERS
IN U.S. PROPOSALS, HOWEVER, EDITORIAL SAYS,
"INCLUDE SOME POSITIVE ASPECTS SUCH AS STIPULATING
FOREIGN WORKERS IN U.S. WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO ENJOY

SOCIAL SERVICES IN U.S."

5. SATURDAY'S EL DIA (MARXIST-ORIENTED) COLUMNIST JORGE AYMAMI STATES "CARTER'S PROPOSALS CAN BE SUMMARIZED IN THE LEGISLATION OF STATUS OF UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS WHO HAVE ACQUIRED CERTAIN RIGHTS IN U.S. AND IN CLOSING OF BORDER WITH MEXICO." WRITER CRITICIZES THE LATTER POINT BECAUSE "IT WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT MEXICO."

6. SATURDAY'S LA PRENSA (MASS-CIRCULATION TABLOID) COLUMNIST FATHER AGUSTIN CHURRUCA STATES "MOST MEXICAN WORKERS IN THE U.S. ARE ACTUALLY LIVING IN MEXICAN TERRITORY WHICH WAS CRUELY AND UNFAIRLY TAKEN AWAY FROM MEXICO BY U.S."

7. SATURDAY'S LA PRENSA COLUMNIST JOSE DE JESUS QUEZADA STRESSES "WORK CARRIED OUT BY MEXICAN BISHOPS TO DISCOURAGE MEXICAN WORKERS FROM ILLEGALLY IMMIGRATING TO U.S."

8. SUNDAY'S EXCELSIOR QUOTES MEXICAN SENATOR ELISEO MENDOZA BERRUETO SAYING "U.S. SHOULD ELIMINATE RESTRICTIONS ON MEXICAN PRODUCTS IF IT REALLY WANTS TO SOLVE UNDOCUMENTED MEXICAN WORKERS PROBLEM."
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9. SUNDAY'S EXCELSIOR PUBLISHES STORY BYLINED ALFREDO VALENZUELA NARRATING HIS EXPERIENCES WHILE BEING SMUGGLED INTO THE U.S. AS UNDOCUMENTED MEXICAN WORKER. WRITER STATES THESE WORKERS "ARE EXPLOITED IN U.S. AND THEY WORK IN FARM FIELDS WHERE AMERICANS AND CHICANOS ARE NOT WILLING TO WORK."

10. A SUNDAY UPI STORY PUBLISHED BY FOUR MAJOR MEXICO CITY DAILIES REPORTS MOST AMERICANS OF HISPANIC DESCENT FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO PROGRESS IN U.S.

11. HERALDO (CONSERVATIVE) EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON CARTER'S PROPOSALS TO SOLVE UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS PROBLEM, POINT OUT "THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCH PROPOSALS HAS RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OF THESE WORKERS TO U.S." EDITORIAL FURTHER STRESSES "MEXICO SHOULD TRY TO SOLVE ISSUE BY CREATING MORE JOBS IN MEXICO," THUS "PREVENTING THEM FROM EMIGRATING."

12. EXCELSIOR QUOTES MEXICO'S CONSUL IN EL PASO,
TEXAS, LUIS ORCI PESQUEIRA SAYING "MEXICAN NATIONALS
REQUESTING VISA TO ENTER U.S. AT U.S. IMMIGRATION
AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE'S OFFICE AT EL PASO,
HAVE TO HUMILIATE THEMSELVES BEFORE U.S.
IMMIGRATION OFFICERS TO OBTAIN VISAS." STORY
IS FROM MEXICAN BORDER TOWN IN CIUDAD JUAREZ,

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